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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Head or Training Officer

FROM: Kenny Benfield, State DRE/SFST/ASTD Programs Coordinator

SUBJECT: Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Training

The Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch will be hosting a **Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor Development Course** on **January 27 through January 31, 2020** in New Bern or Wilmington (exact location TBD), North Carolina. Lodging will be provided at no cost to the agency for officers whose duty station or residence, whichever is closer, is greater than thirty-five (35) miles outside of the training location. The student will be responsible for meals during school. However, they will be reimbursed at the state per diem after the completion of the school. Also, training materials and equipment will be provided to SFST Instructor Candidates at no cost to their agency.

Due to the high demand for this course, this training is for law enforcement personnel who are dealing with impaired people and is directed toward those who are actively arresting impaired drivers. The course will be challenging, and we can only enroll a limited number of students, so we ask that you select motivated and capable personnel who are interested in training other law enforcement officers in the techniques of DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing.

I have attached the minimum requirements for selection to the SFST Instructor Training. All applications received MUST be complete, submitted as one electronic file (preferably .pdf), and will be reviewed by a selection committee. You will be notified if an applicant with your agency has been selected. Please submit all required information and documentation with the application. If you have more than one applicant, please have them submit each application as a separate file.

The application and all required documents must be submitted to our office no later than midnight on December 1, 2019. The applications should be emailed to DWITraining@dhhs.nc.gov.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kenny Benfield at 919-622-5235 or email at Kenny.Benfield@dhhs.nc.gov.